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## NATIONALS PULL EVEN WITH AMERICANS IN THE GREATEST GAME EVER SEEN IN HAWAII

"Alexander the Great" Pitches Winning Ball Before Enthusiastic Crowd

TEAM STANDING.  
All-Nationals 14 14 2  
All-Americans 14 14 2  
Yesterday's Result.  
All-Nationals 4, All-American 2.

The National league representatives made it exactly an even break for the entire tour of the United States and Hawaii, by trimming the American leaguers 4 to 2 yesterday afternoon, in the greatest baseball game ever played in the territory. It was a fight from start to finish, with enough hitting to keep the fielders on their toes, and enough sensational plays to furnish the excitement for several games. A great weekday crowd filled almost every seat in the stand and bleachers at Moiliili, and not a single fan but felt after the contest that he had received more than his money's worth. It was a game that old timers in big league baseball pronounced far above the average, and that showed beyond a doubt the bitter rivalry that exists between the players of the two major leagues.

"Alexander the Great" pitched for the Nationals, and with the exception of one inning, the third, he was a mystery to the Americans. In that frame he was touched for four hits, which, with a pass, netted the only two runs scored off his delivery. Bill James, of St. Louis, pitched for the Americans, and was touched for eight hits in all, his work in the box being very classy.

### Alexander a Mystery.

After the game yesterday several of the National leaguers said that Alexander was not up to his true form, but bar the one free-hitting frame, he had form enough for several top-notch pitchers. If he gets much better, it would hardly be worth while to bat against him at all. He has a fast one with an extraordinary hop, that breaks down and in for a right-handed batter, and a curve ball that makes the batters look like suckers.

After a lay-off of twelve days, with a long sea trip thrown in, it is quite remarkable that the big leaguers should have put up the game they did. They were full of pep, and handed the ball cleanly, only one error, and that an excusable one, coming in to the game. Some of the men complained of listlessness which they laid to the change of climate, but they didn't show it in their work.

The stand at Moiliili was jammed when the game was called at 3 sharp, and for an hour previous a long line of bleacher fans had been working their way to the bleacher windows. It wasn't capacity for the park by any means, but it was an indication of what may be expected Saturday and Sunday, if the weather does its part. Probably extra bleachers will be erected to handle the expected crowd.

The Nationals had Willie Killifer at the receiving end, while big John Henry of Washington was backstopping for the Americans. Killifer and Alexander are team mates of the Phillies, so the fans saw a regular battery, and one of the best in the business, in action.

Nationals Score First.  
The Americans went to bat first, and the first three men went out in record time. In the Nationals' half, Dolan was out, third to first, and Max Carey laid a bunt down the third base line. It looked as though it would roll foul, and Henry, James and Moriarty stood anxiously over it as it came to rest just inside the line. Clarke went out, pitcher to first. Then Jack Miller laced out a long one to right center, and Carey came home with the first run of the game. James balked, and Miller went to second.

## BASEBALL!

All-American  
VS.  
All-National

Greatest Baseball Event in the  
History of Hawaii

## MOILIILI PARK

Sat., Dec. 5.....2:45 P. M.  
Sun., Dec. 6.....2:45 P. M.  
Thurs., Dec. 10....3:00 P. M.  
Sat., Dec. 12.....2:45 P. M.  
Sun., Dec. 13.....2:45 P. M.

## Bunts and Bounders

Chapman had a fine day at short-stop, two of his running catches of short pops over shortstop territory being given big hands.

The fans saw a real pitching duel yesterday. Both twirlers were bounding 'em over at top speed—curves, fast ball, slow ball and all.

Max Carey, the fleet left-fielder for the Nationals, is one of the fastest men in either league. He moves so easily his true speed is hardly noticed.

John Henry, the Washington catcher, has several friends in Honolulu. His sister, Miss Ruth Henry, has been here for several years as a teacher at Kawaiahae Seminary.

Many hundreds of the fans yesterday were fannettes, to put it that way. The women of Honolulu like baseball and Moiliili has always been a favorite field with the feminine contingent.

Alexander struck out six men, several of whom he appeared to outguess. In one instance he got two strikes on the batter with speed balls and then threw a slow curve, at which the batter didn't even offer.

Walsh, the Athletic outfielder, who plays center for the tourists, takes a terrific slash at the ball. He met a fast one yesterday and drove it far out of the park on a line, but unluckily for him it was a foul.

Members of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association and their friends occupied most of the right wing of the grandstand at yesterday's game. The planters had called off all business of their annual session for the afternoon. Many of them are ardent fans and not a few are quite familiar with big-league ball.

Cozy Dolan of St. Louis is a natural comedian. He pulled some funny stuff after getting to second base on a long hit, dancing up and down the baselines imitating. While he was out covering center field a big blast went off somewhere, shaking the park. Dolan dropped as if shot, staggered to his feet and reeled so naturally that one of the score-board kids ran out to see if he was hurt.

One of the noticeable things about the big-league players is the snappy, businesslike way in which they play the game. They waste no time on or off the field. As fast as each man has had his batting turn there is a man to follow him and they trot on and off the field in a lively manner. Neither James nor Alexander, the two twirlers who worked yesterday, have an excess of motions in the box and they set the pace at which the game goes.

## LOOKS DUBIOUS FOR BASEBALL ON SATURDAY

With the torrential rain of last night and this morning, it looks dubious for baseball at Moiliili field tomorrow afternoon. The clerk of the weather is evidently not a ball fan, and this rain is most unfortunate for every one concerned—players, promoter and fans.

In the event of their being no game tomorrow afternoon, said A. L. Castle this morning, tickets sold for Saturday, December 5, will be good for Tuesday, the 8th. Those who have Saturday tickets and who cannot attend Tuesday, can get their money refunded at Gunst cigar store, if there is no game tomorrow.

It will be the greatest disappointment to the fans if tomorrow's game is interfered with, for with the public appetite whetted by a contest such as yesterday's everyone was planning to attend.

The batteries announced for tomorrow are Jim Vaughn and Tom Clarke for the Nationals, and "King" Cole and J. McAvoy for the Americans.

Sunday's game will bring a pair of old world's series rivals into action, and should prove a great pitching duel between "Bullet Joe" Bush of the Athletics, and "Big Jeff" Tesreau of the Giants. Killifer and Henry will do the catching.

## FREDDIE WELSH LOSES DECISION IN 10 ROUNDS

[Associated Press by Fed. Wireless.] NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Young Shugrue was given the decision over Freddie Welsh, the lightweight champion, at the end of their ten-round bout here last night.

### SOCCER CHALLENGE.

The soccer football team of the Department Hospital is out with a challenge to any team in Honolulu. First aid will be administered free in case of accident. Address Edward G. Owens, Dept. Hospital, Fort Shafter.

Adam Seabury a New York banker, died at his home in Hempstead, L. I.

## "Now We'll Get a Hit Sometimes Off Washington," Say Americans



AMERICAN leaguers gave vent to a combined sign of relief at Moiliili field yesterday afternoon when they heard through the Star-Bulletin that Walter Johnson had signed with the Feds. The news was not unexpected, for Johnson has been flirting with the outlaws for some time past, and there have been rumors without number as to his movements.

Ira Thomas, the veteran backstop of the Athletics, and now a member of the board of strategy of that team, along with Connie Mack and Harry Davis, was not surprised when told of Johnson's defection.

"Well, I'm mighty glad in one way that he's out of our league," said Thomas. "Maybe we'll get a hit or two in the games that he would have pitched had he still been a member of Griffith's club."

American leaguers say that Johnson cares no more for money than he does for his right eye. For several years he has been soaking away the coin, and no matter how big a figure his

contract called for, he was always after more. If the Chifeds handed him \$20,000 a year on a two-year contract, as rumor has it, and probably a fat bonus for signing, it is not surprising, say players who know him well, that Johnson jumped.

Another oldtimer who has gone to the Feds, according to this morning's despatches, is Eddie Plank, on whom, with Bender and Coombs, Connie Mack recently asked for waivers. Plank is said to have been signed by Fielder Jones for the St. Louis team.

Ira Thomas says he knows nothing of the inside history of the Plank-Coombs-Bender affair.

"It came up after we started this tour," said the big Philadelphia, "and I really don't know a thing except what I've seen in the papers. It was a surprise, for Plank and Bender are still good pitchers."

In regard to Walter Johnson, it is pointed out that last season was about his worst in baseball, and that he may figure he is slipping, and wants to get money in a hurry.

## JOHN HEYDLER FAVORS 9-GAME WORLD SERIES

[By Latest Mail]

NEW YORK.—The announcement that the American League is in favor of a nine game series to decide the world's baseball championship and a reduction in the prices has opened up a new line of argument which is already being traversed by every baseball man within hailing distance. Some favor it and some oppose it. There are good arguments advanced both pro and con.

"I am in favor of nine games being played," remarked John A. Heydler, secretary of the National League. "I think it would be a good change if for no other reason than it would afford more fans a chance to see the big games."

"Ever since the inception of the world's series," continued Mr. Heydler, "each autumn has been accompanied by grumbling and dissatisfaction. Those who have supported baseball throughout the season complained that they are unable to procure tickets for the world's series games. All hands cannot possibly be accommodated. When one or two hundred thousand persons want to see a series of games and there is room for less than one-fifth that number at each game it stands to reason that thousands are going to be disappointed. Therefore, by increasing the number of games more persons can see the series. All of them do not see all of the games."

This undoubtedly is a strong argument in favor of the nine-game series. But there is another side to the question. A nine-game series will not show any more than a seven-game series. Any short series is necessarily a battle between pitchers. The difference between seven and nine games is not great enough to make any material difference so far as the actual play is concerned, nor will it be any more of a test of the real strength of the competing teams.

There is something else that those who are opposed to lengthening the series advance. Most world's series have been decided without a seventh game being necessary. This shows that one or the other of the teams has had the edge from the start and, naturally, the longer the series is pro-

## POLO TOUR NOW DEFINITELY OFF FOR HAWAII TEAM

Players Believe That Best Interests Will Be Served By Staying Home

There is little chance of an All-Hawaii polo team going to the coast in 1915 for the Panama-Pacific polo tournament, according to Frank P. Baldwin of Maui, who paid a flying visit to Honolulu a day or so ago. Some weeks ago it was announced by the Star-Bulletin that the trip was probably off owing to the inability of Walter F. Dillingham to get away from business, and Baldwin's attitude about clinches the decision.

"It is a big undertaking to take a polo team and its string of ponies across the Pacific, and besides the time actually consumed by the trip, and the money, there are endless details to be looked into beforehand," said Baldwin. "Two years ago Walter Dillingham and I co-operated in much of the work, and I hardly think it would be a good move to go up without Dillingham. I don't believe that we could get together as strong a team as the All-Hawaii of 1912, and I don't think it would be a good thing to go back with a weaker one."

"Then again, if we went up next spring we would play all games in and around San Francisco. Local polo players had such an enjoyable time at Coronado before that they want to go back there. The trip is an expensive one for everybody, and the players feel that they would like more for their money than a series of games at the exposition. I believe that if we wait another year and thoroughly prepare for the trip, we can play better polo, and have more fun, and take in the southern circuit, playing games at Pasadena and Coronado, as well as at San Mateo and Burlingame. If Dillingham had been kept for the trip this year I would have fallen in line and contributed the best ponies we have on Maui, but under the circumstances I think it is best to call the whole thing off."

### DAY OF SPORT.

"We already feel our solidarity as a nation in a wholly new degree," said Dean Inge at the Temple Church, London, in a sermon on the war.

"The things that really mattered a few months ago were knocking balls about, watching horses run and betting upon them, gloating over squallid trials, and vilifying political opponents. Suddenly the real thing came upon us, war as it was to our savage ancestors; but now made more horrible by being stripped of its last vestige of chivalry and carried on with the cold, calculating ruthlessness of a great business enterprise."

"We know now how foolish all our make believe was, and I do not believe we shall feel the same zest for the field sports and games again. They will remain as a delightful form of recreation, but as a serious business I think their day is now over."

The plate and three scattered hits. The lone score of Company M was an ante overshoot by the first baseman in the direction of deep left field, to catch a man napping of third base.

The other games played Thursday afternoon resulted in Company H defeating Company C in very much of a one-sided contest due to the lack of baseball spirit in the latter company. A few K. P.s would help to revive the latent sportsmanship.

Company E, with Duffy in the box and a team of hard workers behind him, put the skids under Company B to the tune of 7 to 2. Although Company B knew they were not an even match for Capt. Hayes' sluggers, they stuck to the job and made their opponents play ball until the last man was out. Russell came across with a timely home run in the second inning with the bases full, and Kane tried to follow suit, but "old Father Time" had gotten in his work and Kane was tagged at the plate.

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## UMPIRED FIRST GAME THAT CLARKE CAUGHT

When the big leaguers landed Tuesday and were greeting old friends among the Venice players, Tommy Clarke, the crack backstop of the Cincinnati Reds, walked over to Umpire Jack McCarthy and put out his hand. For a second Jack was puzzled, and then recognized on dawned.

"Montreal," he said, "but lord how you've grown."

Which, translated, means that Jack McCarthy umpired the first professional ball game that Clarke ever caught, when the latter broke in at Montreal in the Eastern league. At that time Clarke weighed 135 pounds, and was well on the inside of 20. Now he tips the beam at 170, and is about 27.

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